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It is my pleasure to announce the 2010 Artistic Discovery Congressional Art Competition. This competition is held annually in order to showcase artistic talent from around the nation. Each of the 435 Congressional Districts across the United States are given the opportunity to select one outstanding art piece to be displayed in the Cannon House Office Building tunnel to the United States Capitol. This tunnel is used by Members of Congress and their guests to traverse to the capitol from the congressional office buildings.

I am writing you today to ask for your help with this endeavor by organizing the competition within your high school. You may choose a first and second place finalist to be judged against the winners of other schools, within our congressional district, to determine the overall winner. The two entries from your school must be received in my Hot Springs congressional office located at 300 Exchange Street , Suite A, Hot Springs, AR, 71901 no later than Friday, April 23, 2010.

We will then ask art professionals from throughout our congressional district to serve as judges to select first, second, and third place winners from the Fourth Congressional District.

I will cover the cost of framing (if the piece is not already framed), plus shipping to our nation's capitol for the first place winning artwork from the Fourth Congressional District. First place winners from each Congressional District across the nation will be entered in the national competition. Also, first place winners from each District will be awarded two round trip tickets by Southwest Airlines to travel to Washington D.C. to attend the national reception on June 17th and view their artwork in the capitol.

The second and third place winners from the Fourth Congressional District will be honored by having their artwork hung in my district offices.

In addition, first place winners will be eligible to receive a scholarship to Savannah College of Art and Design, should they apply and are accepted.

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I am enclosing the Guidelines and Student Information / Release Form for this art competition. Please be sure to read the attached documents for a complete understanding of the rules.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact Sonya Easterling in my Hot Springs office at [sonya.easterling@mail.house.gov](mailto:sonya.easterling@mail.house.gov) or at 1-800-223-2220. Please provide her with your email address as she will notify you of additional details as they arrive.

I am proud to be associated with this competition and look forward to working with you on this project. It will also provide our congressional district with an opportunity to showcase one of our best young artists in our nation's capitol.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Ross". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Mike Ross

P.S. – Please visit my website at <http://ross.house.gov> where you can sign up for my newsletter.

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